

Bell River Road.
Woodilee, Ontario.
May 22, 1964.

Dear Phoebe -

Then is "Brown" here - however are you? - Patti's description and report of you sounded most intriguing - I gather you're going to be a co-ed for a year. Then will be travelling, "casing" the various universities to find one that suits you - right? Don't omit the University of Windsor - not because you might like it - although you might, at that! - but because it is twenty miles from the Hillary household - and we'd love to see you. I think you would approve of Norm - he's the man I married - the only one, by the way - probably somewhat to the disappointment of old school mates who thought they could come & me to provide some spicy noisiness. Norm is a hot-headed Irishman, with a chip on his shoulder, terribly sentimental, terribly good at singing children and providing for them, which is an unusual combination! So will expect you.

The Re-union was, I would say - an unqualified success. At the Guild I

The sherry was flowing freely enough
 to dispel any airs anyone might have
 tried to put on. After the first gasp of
 recognition we very quickly slid into
 a relaxed camaraderie as of old - where -
 that's quite a sentence. Again at Adrien's
 there were gallons of joy, peace, and in no
 time people were confiding deep and often
 sad secrets - as well as whooping it up.
 The only drawback - as far as I was concerned -
 was age - at midnight I was exhausted -
 and like Cinderella - took back to the Park
 Plaza before my face slipped. Adrien
 and Paddy are made of sterner stuff.
 They were up until 4.00 A.M. - also those
 who left at 3.30 - had to drive herself out
 to Willardale - and make it -

* OMIT idea the next day at Julia Wright - -
 now there's a surprise - 30,000 houses
 in a "prestige" neighbourhood - very nicely
 done too - same old Julia tho' OMIT tea was for
 the staff - consisting of Miss Hayter - (who is
 perfectly delightful) - exactly the same. (only
 whiter), and Mrs. Marriott OMIT rules I found slightly
 less pleasing than I remembered - & perhaps I
 was more jaundiced in those days. Wardley
 hadn't turned up when we left. She was the

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on. I really wanted to see Jackson
saw the day before - she's just the same -
only fatter and less snare.

You may well wonder what prompted this
letter. Well as you must know I am not
in the habit of chasing up girlhood friends.
Old times' sake. Although I must admit
when I do get around to it, it has always
been most rewarding and enjoyable. The
reason: if I must have one - is that I did
get around to putting my thumb-nail
sketch in writing, which in Toronto - and
promised Patsy I would send it to you
via her. And since I can't put a pen to
paper without producing a deluge, I'm
afraid you are for it. dear. What's more
I'm going to describe each and every one of
my children in detail! So fill up your
glass, take your shoes off, put your feet
up - and relax - it won't be that bad!

on it
→ Sorry you won't, with us Please - I'm
not much for these things either. But I did
piss it immensely. See you next time!

Affectionately.
Brown.

Life history of Joan Brown Hillary - after 1939. That is!

Career

- counsellor at Camp Inamendaven
- employed at the Central Neighborhood House -
with Joyce Jarvis and Ed Seicas
- went in training at Toronto General Hospital -
being engaged to a medical student. I seemed
like a good idea - what's more I adored it.
- one year later - nursing career and engagement
terminated - invalidated out with what was
supposed to be TB - was probably more -
recuperated for a year - including service
in San.

Real Career

February 12, 1941 - got married to Dr. Norman
L. Hillary - radiologist.

Results

1. Penelope Joan (Penny) - 19 - tall, blonde,
gorgeous. Boarder Captain at Haverly I. Sch.
pleasantly exonerated the mother's image at
said school. Just completed 1st year Med.
languages at University of Western Ontario,
now in Switzerland for three months working
as nurse's aide at Hopital Cantonal, Geneva.
2. Mary Taitelbaum (Molly) - 17 - small, blonde-
eyed, brown hair - looks Jewish - a brain.
Finishing Gr. XIII at Wendichel Junior College,
Wendichel, Switzerland. Going into Pre-Med.
University of Toronto.
3. William Stuart (Bill) - 15 - tall, skinny,
blue-eyed. Very average in school and sports,
except sailing and skiing - at which he excels.
His kid - going to St. Andrews College, Anson
Mass / Ill. Grade XI.
4. Elizabeth Raitelbaum (Beth) - 13 - A dumpling -
a real extrovert - has been chubbling since the
age of two weeks. Adores horses and the Beatles. 679

5. Jan Hubert - 11. The only one who remotely resembles her mother! Grade VI - giggles - likes boys - plays the piano rather well.
6. Nancy - 8. The happiest of the lot! Unfortunately - is neurotic - and has never lived at home -
7. Moral Margaret - 4. One dividend - the surprise result of an obviously too-released holiday in the Bahamas. Blonde, dainty - an absolute darling - should be spoiled rotten - but isn't.

Interests -

- Yves what -
1. Skiing - and organizing kids to do likewise
 2. Sailing - " " " " " "
 3. Home and School - for year and year - and year and year - ad inf.
 4. National Baller Guild - pun /
 5. Can. Institute of International Affairs - joined so I could hear Blair Tread!
 6. Keeping open house for kids friends, old college friends, M.E.S. amies, etc.

Home - A farm - 31 $\frac{9}{10}$ acres - which we do not farm, but simply enjoy - Old, rambling, comfortable, untidy house - sixteen beds - so you're welcome any time. If you like kids, horses (two old nags) dogs (only one at the moment - ancient German Shepherd) - cats (only 3 now - just got rid of 9 two-month old kittens)

That's about it - except that I think my menopause is beginning - I hope so!



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